

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 35 without my signature.

I am supportive of the joint-use facilities projects when they actually encourage creative mutually beneficial relationships between school districts and community partners. However, I am concerned that this bill would expand the Joint-Use Facilities Program (Program) without ensuring that any additional funding will be available for its purposes.

Furthermore, the Program's intent to fund joint-use ventures with equal local and State contributions could be undermined if joint-use partners were able to contribute something other than fiscal resources, such as equipment with a 10-year useful life, where as the State share of the project is being funded with 30-year General Obligation Bonds.

Finally, any changes to the Program should be debated within the context of a future bond measure, to assure that these projects are not funded at the expense of other educational facility priorities.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger